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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
HELD IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

I. CONVENE, ROOM 7000, INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING

A regular monthly meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts was held in its office in the Interior Department Building on 15 January 1969. The members met, pursuant to notice, in executive session at 10:10 a.m. with William Walton, Chairman, presiding.

Present were: William Walton
Gordon Bunshaft
Hideo Sasaki
Chloethiel Woodard Smith
John Walker

Staff: C. H. Atherton, Secretary
M. L. Luskey
Nancee W. Black
Myra Younker

NCPC: David MacKinnon

Reporter: Leone Vialpando

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Dates of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 19 February 1969, was approved and 19 March tentatively selected for the following month.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 1968 Meeting

The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Old Georgetown Board Membership

The Commission approved the appointment for a term of 3 years of Thomas Stohlman who was recommended by other members of the Old Georgetown Board to replace William Haussmann.

III. SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS

The Secretary reviewed the following projects.

a. Robert F. Kennedy Grave Site, Arlington, Va.- Proposed design, I.M. Pei and Partners, architects.

Photographs of a model of the preliminary design and a description of the site, intent and materials, submitted by the architect, had been forwarded to the members for review and comment.

Mr. Walton Reported that the members' questioned several aspects of the proposed design. He read that portion of Mrs. Saarinen's statement (Exhibit A) which pertained to the design and her ideas for a possible solution.

A detailed discussion followed with all members acknowledging the problem involved in developing a design which would reflect Senator Kennedy's personality yet not overshadow President Kennedy's grave. They felt it should be separate from the design for the President. Mr. Sasaki, consulted by the family and Mr. Pei, explained the selection of the site from the three proposed. Mr. Walker read his reply which is included in the transcript.

The difficulty and complexities of designing an appropriate grave for this site required a review of the projectwith the architect. A conference was scheduled for later in the meeting.

Formal action was withheld until the conference with the architect.

b. Proposed Lighting for Arlington Amphitheater and Tombs of the Unknowns - Confirmation of Action taken at interim meeting on 22 November 1968.

It was generally agreed the lighting scheme was far too extensive and would detract from the memorial.

A memorandum of the meeting on 22 November 1968 is Exhibit B.

Subsequent to the November meeting the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, was informed of the Commission's views. EXHIBIT C

c. 200 Man Barracks, Ft. Myer, Va. - Proposed Design, Wilkes, Faulkner, architects. A model, perspective,master and site plans, and elevation drawings were submitted.

The plan followed the design of the brick barracks across the street except this structure would be one floor lower. The members had reluctantly accepted the design for the existing barracks to retain a continuity in an area where the advice of the Commission was only recently required by the Department of Defense. In this context, the design was thought to be generally acceptable with certain modifications.

Mr. Sasaki commented that the spandrel should be darker to bring the tonality of the building down and to have more unity. The members also felt the site plan should be discussed with the architect.

Action was withheld until a conference with the architect later.

d. General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service

South Portal Office Building, Independence Avenue, S.W. - Proposed Design. Marcel Breuer and Associates and Nolan, Swinburne and Associates. A study model, perspective and plans were submitted.

A larger building in line with the front facade of HEW building and previously approved was opposed by the architect of the Capitol who objected to its slightly overlapping land under his office's jurisdiction. The smaller building was set back from Independence Avenue. Otherwise the design was essentially unchanged, and was approved by the Commission.

A conference with the architect was thought unnecessary, but the architect could not be reached before he had left for the meeting.

Geological Survey Building, Reston, Va. - Revised Design by Walter Netsch of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, Chicago office, and H.D. Nottingham and Associates, architects. Mr. Bunshaft withdrew from the room. A small scale model, rendering, elevations and floor plans were presented.

A change in the previously approved design was made in the facade where the structural system of concrete frame was now clearly exposed. Flush mounted mirrored glass had been originally planned. The scheme remained as complex as the initial submission but was apparently satisfactory to the using agency.

The Commission approved the design. The scheduled conference with the architect was considered unnecessary but he could not be reached in time to be notified.

Department of Labor Building - Samples of Material.
Brooks, Barr, Graeber and White, and Pitts, Mebane, Phelps and White, associated architects.

The Commission had previously approved the design with the understanding that the building would be constructed of limestone. The members inspected and approved a warm shade of limestone for the exterior material and for the windows, a dark bronze trim with gray tinted glass. Light-colored granite would be used in some areas to delineate surfaces paved with dark brown bricks.

The Commission's approval was reported to General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service.

c. D.C. Redevelopment Land Agency

Parcels 19 and 20, Office Building, Maryland Avenue between 6th and 7th Sts., S.W. - Revised Design. Caudill Rowlett Scott, and Venturi, and Rauch, associated architects. Samples of exterior material and show boards illustrating the proposed elevation, comparative elevations and the site, were submitted.

To justify the design, the architect submitted a composite photograph of the facades of buildings in the surrounding area which was supposed to show how well the new building would fit in. The members thought the design was not an "architectural Solution" and unanimously disapproved it.

A conference with the architect was held later.

L'Enfant Plaza, West Building, 10th St., S.W. - Revised Design, Vlastimil Koubek, architect

Architectural drawings clearly indicated changes which RLA felt diminished the overall quality of the previously approved design. The introduction of windows on all sides of the building destroyed the podium effect of the plan. This was done to obtain more rentable space. The windows in each bay were increased from 3 to 5. This provided greater flexibility in arranging partitions. Reduction in the size of the lobby and the omission of trees from the front of the building were other changes. Apparently the trees were considered impractical since the building had been widened.

The members decided to discuss the project with the architect later.

Pier Four, Southwest Urban Renewal Area - Proposed Design of Restaurant. Wallace McHarg, Roberts and Todd, architect. A preliminary plan was submitted.

A scheme emphasizing a deeply hipped roof as a principal feature was developed for the first major construction on the Washington Channel Southwest Waterfront. There would be no exposed mechanical equipment along Water Street and service elements were away from public view. Exterior material would be similar to Arena Stage - vertical seam metal roof in dark gray and a medium brown brick.

Mrs. Smith commented that RLA should develop an "overall basic massing" and let the private developer work within that. The design should be controlled by RLA rather than individual developers designing individual sections.

Action was withheld until a conference with RLA and the architect later.

Town Center Parks, Eye Street between 3rd and 6th Streets

Wallace, McHarg, Roberts and Todd, architects-landscape architects.

A series of three parks on the north side of Town Center was presented with a different design concept for each one. The park to the west was planned as a quiet and naturally landscaped area and related to the adjacent hi-rise apartments. The eastern park was created as a children's play area for those living in the low-income housing units. Between two churches the center park was the focal point of the Town Center Development and would serve as an outdoor community center with sitting areas, speakers' platform and some form of shelter, not yet designed. Materials had not been definitely selected, however exposed aggregate concrete was being considered for the paths.

The members felt that the design of the east and west parks was generally satisfactory but thought the center park rather confused.

Action was withheld until a conference with the architect later.

f. D.C. G-overnment, Department of Buildings and Grounds

Judiciary Square Master Plan - Revised Design

Callmer and Milstead, formerly Justement and Callmer, architects. Two models and drawings including a master development plan were submitted.

Previously submitted in a preliminary phase, the project had received the members' general approval to place a new M-unicipal Court on Pennsylvania Avenue adjacent to the existing Federal Court. But the remaining features of the plan were unacceptable - in particular the siting of the new court buildings on Pennsylvania Avenue, which were alligned to the grid system of streets rather than the diagonal of Pennsylvania Avenue. Also three separate structures for the different courts were proposed all poorly related not only to the Avenue but to each other as well.

The plan called for a widening of "E" Street which would require the removal of the two smaller buildings adjacent to the old D.C. Courthouse. This was questioned by the members, since these buildings form an important part of the central composition of Judiciary Square.

An extensive amount of paved plazas, ostensibly covering underground parking (although this was unclear from the plans) would replace what is essentially a city "green," - A relatively quiet park formally landscaped with grass and large shade trees. The members were also opposed to this.

Further action was withheld until later.

g. D.C. Government, Department of Licenses and Inspections

Shipstead-Luce Act

Watergate Office and Apartment Building, New Hampshire Avenue and F Street, N.W. - Revised Design (SL 69-29). Luigi Moretti, architect, and Fisher and Elmore local representatives.

Present plans call for two buildings, an office and an apartment building, instead of the single structure originally proposed. The same basic crescent shape would be retained, but would be separated by a narrow slot on the New Hampshire Avenue side with the apartment building on the north, and the office on the south next to the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. The cornice lines would be uniform with the rest of the project, reaching 140 feet above the river. The architects noted on the drawings that the new scheme would meet previous objections of the Commission in that no balconies with the toothed grill railing would be on the building next to the Center, also the roof line would also be more simple since there would be no garden or penthouse on the office building.

The members considered the plan "consistent with the design" of the existing units and approved. A conference with the architect was unnecessary and cancelled.

The Commission's approval was reported to the Department of Licenses and Inspections.

Five-Story Office Building, 1400 22nd Street, N.W.-Revised Design. The Perkins and Wills Partnership, architects.

Drawings indicated an office building and small gas station to be constructed of limestone on a site facing Rock Creek Park. The members thought the design inappropriate for the site and decided to discuss it with the architect during a conference scheduled later.

Appendix 1

There were no objections to recommendations by the staff on the Shipstead-Luce Applications listed on Appendix 1. EXHIBIT D

Old Georgetown Act

a. Georgetown University Heating and Cooling Plant - Confirmation of Action

The members confirmed their approval of plans requiring an eight foot increase in the height of the plant because of soil conditions.

The Commission's approval was reported to the Department of Licenses and Inspections.

b. O.G-. 69-84, 1636 Avon Place, N.W., Single Family Dwelling-Proposed design, Arthur Moore, architect.

A sketch without any basic plan was submitted in an effort to ascertain the degree of tolerance the Commission would permit in adapting contemporary designs in the Georgetown area. The members would not consider the design because of insufficient information.

The Department of Licenses and Inspections was notified.

c. Appendix 2

There were no objections to the actions taken on the Old Georgetown Applications listed on Appendix 2. EXHIBIT E

h. Veterans Administration

Research Building, Veterans Administration Hospital - Proposed Design by staff members of Veterans Administration. Model, site plan, elevation drawings and perspective were submitted.

An extension to the south side of the existing hospital was planned. Materials might be prefabricated to expedite construction or, if that is not approved, brick and concrete slab similar to the materials in the existing structure. The fenestration pattern did not relate to any elevation of the hospital.

The members disapproved the plan and recommended that an architect be consulted.

Exhibit E'

i. National Institutes of Health

Incinerator, Tri-Service, Forest Glen Station, Walter Reed Army Medical Center - Proposed Design. Metcalf and Eddy, engineers. Preliminary drawings, site plan, and perspective were submitted for an incinerator to serve Bethesda Naval Hospital, National Institutes of Health, and Army Medical Hospital.

The members thought the design for a brick and concrete structure did not reflect the purpose of the building and that many of the "architectural features" were extraneous and merely added for effect.

Action was withheld until a conference with the architect later.

j. Treasury Department, Bureau of the Mint

Medal Commemorating 150th Anniversary of Founding of City of Memphis - Confirmation of action.

Copies of the design had been forwarded to the members for review. They confirmed their disapproval.

The Bureau of the Mint was informed of the Commission's disapproval. EXHIBIT F

k. Institute of Heraldry

Medal of Achievement, U.S. Coast Guard - Confirmation of Action.

Copies of the design had been forwarded to the members for review. They confirmed their approval.

The Institute of Heraldry, Department of the Army, was informed of the Commission's approval. EXHIBIT G

l. American Battle Monuments Commission

Fourth Infantry Division Association Monument, Utah Beach

Proposed Design. Paul Thiry, architect. A sketch, working drawings and photograph of a model were submitted.

A small obelisk 22 feet high was planned approximately 250 feet south of the American Battle Monuments Commission's memorial whose design by the same architect had been previously approved by the members. The proposed monument would be separated from the ABM memorial by an existing museum and a park area and would not interfere with the design of the larger memorial, the architect had reported.

The members had no objection to the site or design.

The Commission's approval was reported to the American Battle Monuments Commission. Exhibit H

IV. Interviews

1. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Robert F. Kennedy Grave Site, Arlington, Va. - Proposed Design. Mr. I.M. Pei, architect, attended the meeting.

Commenting that Mrs. Saarinen's statement reflected the view of the majority of the members, Mr. Walton again read her reasons for not approving the concept and detail of the design.

A detailed discussion followed with all members expressing their opposition to the design and offering ideas to solve the difficult problem. Realizing there would have to be a compromise in the requirements, the architect thought and the members agreed that the idea of having the monument on an axis with the Jefferson Memorial was the "most arbitrary feature and could be abandoned without much trouble. If this is approved by the family, the grave could be reoriented and enclosed by trees forming a contrast to the open space of the President's grave.

Formal action was not considered necessary at this preliminary stage. No report will be forwarded to the Department of the Army nor to Mr. Pei; however the transcript will be made available to him. The proposal to resite the grave and develop a more natural setting will be studied.

2. General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service

a. South Portal Office Building, Independence Avenue, S.W. - Proposed Design. Mr. Marcel Breuer, architect, and Mr. Melun of General Services Administration attended the meeting.

Mr. Walton expressed the Commission's approval of the design and congratulated Mr. Breuer on the plan which will add greatly to the "official landscape of Washington."

Mr. Breuer commented that a dark grey, rough surfaced granite and a lighter, natural shade concrete would be used as exterior material. The height of the building is the same as the larger one. There is more open space surrounding the smaller structure.

The Commission's approval was reported to General Services Administration.

Exhibit I

b. Geological Survey Building, Reston, Virginia - Revised Design

Mr. Ohlson representing the architect and Mr. Pecora of Geological Survey attended the meeting.

Mr. Walton expressed the Commission's approval which was later reported to General Services Administration.

Exhibit J

3. D.C. Redevelopment Land Agency

Mr. Joseph Canny of RLA attended the meeting for the following

projects.

a. Parcels 19 and 20, Office Building, Maryland Ave. between 6th and 7th Sts., S.W.-Revised Design

Mr. Raush, architect, attended the meeting.

Speaking for the members, Mr. Bunshaft stated that the design was considered a "non-entity of architecture" and reflected a "deliberate effort to make it extremely dull." The grayness of the building, coarseness of the joining and detail were ugly. The members previously disapproved it.

Mr. Rauch's attempt to obtain a direction was unsuccessful and unnecessary since the Commission was not established to design buildings but to approve or disapprove proposed designs.

The Commission's disapproval was reported to the Redevelopment Land Agency. Exhibit K

b. L'Enfant Plaza, West Building, 10th Street, S.W. - Revised

Mr. Koubek, architect, attended the meeting.

Expressing the members views, Mr. Bunshaft suggested that the projection on the west elevation be removed and the windows repeat the pattern of other bays. Increasing the number of windows in each bay and the elimination of trees from the front were approved.

The Commission's approval and suggestion were reported to Redevelopment Land Agency Exhibit K

c. Pier Four, Southwest Urban Renewal Area - Proposed Design

Mr. Todd, architect, attended the meeting.

Speaking for the Commission, Mrs. Smith stated that the waterfront should have a basic overall design and that it was impossible to comment on a particular plan.

Mr. Bunshaft stated the agency had an opportunity to have a basic concept for the entire area which would permit individual developers to work within that "discipline to get variety and excitement."

Mr. Canny of RLA agreed to establish some guidelines and resubmit the project.

The Commission's disapproval was forwarded to RLA. Exhibit K

d. Town Center Parks, Eye Street between 3rd and 6th Streets

Mr. Todd, architect, attended the meeting.

Commenting for the members, Mr. Sasaki stated that the designs for the end parks were approved. The center park, being on axis with the main shopping area on 4th Street and serving as an introduction to it should reflect that fact. It should also relate to the two side parks and have some continuity to the total area.

Mr. Bunshaft suggested that the massing of the trees should relate to the area and define the space.

The Commission's disapproval was reported to Redevelopment Land Agency. Exhibit K

4. D.C. Government, Department of Buildings and Grounds

Judiciary Square Master Plan - Revised Design

Mr. Callmer, architect, and Mr. Purcell of the Department attended the meeting.

Speaking for the members, Mr. Bunshaft stated that the design must conform to the 50 foot set back established by the Pennsylvania Avenue Plan. The concept had to be one total design and the landscape plan for the square should be approached in the same manner.

Both Mr. Callmer and Mr. Purcell defended the plan according to purpose, function and site and attempted to persuade the members to modify their views of the Pennsylvania Avenue Plan by providing a variance to it with this building.

Each member commented on the problem and confirmed their previous view that the Pennsylvania Avenue Plan must be adhered to. They approved the site in the southwest corner of the square for the courthouse and stressed that the building have its own individual design which must conform to the Avenue Plan.

The Commission's disapproval was forwarded to the Department of Buildings and Grounds. Exhibit L

5. D.C. Government, Department of Licenses and Inspections

a. Watergate Office and Apartment Building, New Hampshire and F Street, N.W. - Revised Design. Cancelled.

b. Five-Story Office Building, 1400-22nd St., N.W. - Revised Design

Mr. Cochran and Mr. Milo, architects, attended the meeting.

Commenting for the members, Mr. Bunshaft remarked that the mass, except the penthouse, was suitable but the design was uninteresting. The design for a concrete frame building could be interesting and the architects were known to have created better ones. The design should express the structure and appear as an office building at this important site.

The Commission disapproved the design and recommended that the gas station be under the office building. The members requested a site plan when the revised design is presented.

The Commission's disapproval and recommendations were forwarded to the Department of Licenses and Inspections.

6. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Fort Myer, 200 Man Barracks - Proposed Design

Mr. Wilkes, architect , and Mr. Weber, representative of the Army, attended the meeting.

Speaking for the members, Mr. Sasaki recommended a minor change which would improve the plan. Reorienting the L-shaped buildings into a U-shapped area would give a definition to the space. According to the plan the dayrooms would then face an open area rather than a parking lot. The area could become a landscaped court. He commented that the spandrel should have a dark color.

Mr. Wilkes agreed to restudy the plan as recommended. He stated that the spandrels were to be brick to match the other buildings.

The Commission's recommendations were forwarded to the Department of the Army. Exhibit M

7. Veterans Administration

Research Building, Veterans Administration Hospital - Proposed Design. Cancelled.

8. National Institutes of Health

Incinerator, Tri-Service, Forest Glen Station, Walter Reed Army Medical Center - Proposed Design.

Mr. Perkins represented NIH during the conference.

Mrs. Smith spoke for the members stating that they rejected the design and urged thatthe project be restudied. The design should express the structure. Following Mr. Perkins brief comment on the purpose of the building, Mr. Bunshaft stated that if the structure is to be a sealed building the design should reflect that fact and did not need decorative details.

The Commission's disapproval was forwarded to National Institutes of Health. Exhibit N

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Atherton

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

FROM: ALINE SAARINEN

TO: THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION FOR MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 1969

RE: THE PROPOSED GRAVE FOR SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

I respected and admired and championed Senator Robert Kennedy in his public life; I was deeply and warmly fond of him as a person; and my respect and affection for Ethel Kennedy are also very real. Therefore, for personal and emotional reasons as well as for objective and esthetic ones, I would like to see his grave be uniquely his and be as beautiful and appropriate as possible.

I am distressed by and can not give my approval to the proposed plan both in concept and in detail. For the following reasons:

ONE: The proposed design makes his gravesite a sort of minor variation of the President's grave. This not only deprives it of its own deserved individuality and detracts from its dignity, but also detracts from the uniqueness of the President's grave and gravesite. The very points made in the first paragraph of "The Intent" in the written statement are violated by the design concept.

TWO: Even if I were to agree with the concept of the junior version of the President's grave, I would have to take exception to this design. The three elements of ~~the~~ grave, platform and pool seem to have no organic design connection, either of unity or tension. They seem three disparite, unrelated elements. Moreover, the grave, which should be the central and focal and most important element becomes the least important and the "platform" the most important.

THREE: The stark, rectangular reflecting pool--even with its continuous flow of water over the weir--seems too rigid and geometric and too far from and unrelated to the grave to have the implications and the recall of the Senator's love of water sports and fountains which Mrs. Kennedy so justifiably mentioned.

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THEREFORE, I would like to make the following suggestions:

ONE: I suggest that the whole question of the platform to accomodate a large number of public visitors be discussed again with the architect, family and Defense Department. Not only is it this element which seems to throw the whole design out

Exhibit A

of kilter spatially, but it is also the one which causes the "echo" of the President's grave site. Except for the family and intimate friends who linger and pray at the grave, others can pay their respects as sincerely and eloquently by a short pause as they walk by as if they were to stand in a full, crowded, static assemblage. The elimination of this platform would allow an appropriate design.

TWO: I suggest that this new plan be worked out to give this grave its proper uniqueness, individuality and appropriateness. I suggest that it be a very naturalistic, informal--not formal and geometric--design, all with a rustic feeling, a sense of nature---the grave itself to be the central part of a naturalistic composition of trees and grass and water--that the pool be a naturalistic pool, perhaps even stream-like--that there be a meandering granite path along which the visitor would wander--pausing at the grave in the presence of Nature and the spirit of Bobby Kennedy--and then, would move along to have that nice, unexpected vista through the trees of the Jefferson Memorial as planned. The whole area would have the light and shade, the presence of Nature, that is so beautifully and happily achieved at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Concord, Mass.

Bobby Kennedy was an unpretentious, simple, very natural man, whose dignity came from within and out of his naturalness. He could walk through a crowd with his shirtsleeves rolled up, tieless, or wade in the ocean, or dart out to pick up a child and never lose his presence. He had a smile that could light up the world--and eyes that revealed the sadness of the whole human condition. Light and shade, naturalness, inner dignity--these are the qaulities I feel his grave and grave site should express.

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The choice of the site seems convincingly good in itself and in relation to the President;s grave.

Respectfully,

Aline Saarinen

THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
WASHINGTON D. C.

JAN 1 1 1969

NOTED

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD _ MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

I. CONVENE, ROOM 7000, INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING

A special meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts was held in its offices on 26 November 1968. Members residing in Washington met, pursuant to notice in executive session at 10:00 a.m. with William Walton, presiding.

Present were: Chloethiel Woodard Smith
John Walker
William Walton

Staff: Charles H. Atherton, Secretary
Myra Younker

II. SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWS

Department of the Army, Chief of Support Services
Proposed Lighting Scheme for Amphitheater and Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery, developed by Sylvan R. Shemitz and Associates, lighting consultants to Keyes, Lethbridge and Condon, architects retained by the Department of the Army to develop plans for the new area of the Cemetery.

In the presence of the members only, the Secretary stated that an early scheduled completion date required a formal review of the project at this time with officials of the Army and those responsible for the plan. Brochures of the lighting scheme had been forwarded to all members for review. Their comments were reported by the Secretary.

Mr. Sasaki felt that the illumination of the "grass mall and the trees lining it" should be eliminated. Mr. Bunshaft opposed "down lighting from the trees", and lighting the trees per se. Mr. Roszak suggested that all lighting be concealed. Mrs. Saarinen recommended that the lighting equipment be provided with rheostats to control the brightness.

Stating that the Cemetery is closed at night, the Secretary reported that although the scheme emphasized illumination required for night ceremonies such occasions were not contemplated by the Department of the Army. He noted that trees would have to be severely pruned to accommodate lighting equipment placed among the branches.

The members thought lighting the mall created an axis which had no relation to the plan of the city and its main axis -- the Mall and Memorial

Exhibit B

Bridge. They considered it inappropriate to form another axis and preferred that all lighting be concealed.

Mr. Shemitz, lighting consultant, Mr. Lethbridge, architect, and Messrs. Tamm, Robinson and Beller, representatives of the Department of the Army, then joined the members in the discussion of the project.

Mr. Lethbridge stated that the project was financed by the American Legion and, it was hoped, would be presented on 15 March 1969, the fiftieth anniversary of the Legion, as a gift to the Nation. He commented that the problem was to provide a lighting plan which would be inoffensive.

Mr. Shemitz briefly discussed the plan emphasizing the small sources of light and subtlety of the scheme.

Replying to the Chairman's question - why a plan based on lighting the Cemetery at night when it is closed then, Mr. Beller stated that the lighting of President Kennedy's grave prompted the study of lighting the amphitheater and Tomb at night.

Speaking for the members, the Chairman stated that the extensive lighting of the "grass mall" disturbed the serenity of the Cemetery "whose mystery must not be penetrated." This feature of the scheme was unnecessary. He proposed that a more appropriate gift for the Legion to give would be a new lighting scheme for the Memorial Bridge. He recommended replacing the lighting standards with lighting along the balastrade.

Mr. Shemitz disagreed with that proposal and defended his design stating that the Cemetery might be opened at night in the future. The lighting of the grass mall was planned in relation to the Amphitheater, Tomb and new Chapel.

The Chairman remarked that the details of the plan were fine and the Commission's decision would be based on the overall scheme in relation to the city.

Mr. Shemitz, Mr. Lethbridge and representatives of the Department of the Army withdrew from the room.

The members approved the scheme for lighting the soffit of the Amphitheater and concealed lighting for the Tomb, but disapproved lighting the grass mall and trees in other areas. They recommended that all lighting equipment have rheostats for a final determination of brightness.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS NOV 7 1968

NO SL 69-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
16	3908 Shoemaker St., NW Gerard L. LaVay	2-story dwelling.

ACTION: No obj., provided that site be adequately landscaped. Request subm. of detailed landscaping plan, plus sample of exterior bldg. materials, 10/29/68.

17	3912 Shoemaker St., NW Gerard L. LaVay	2-story dwelling.

ACTION: Ret'd. for further consideration of design. Proposed bldg. is not particularly well related to either adjoining stone bldg. on north, or frame bldg. on south. Suggest further study toward a more suitable character. Also show on site plan relationship to 2 adjoining bldgs., 10/29/68.

18	1107 Penna. Ave., NW MEDCO Discount Ctr.	1 s-f, 25 sq-ft sign. Opaque bckgd., with white plastic push-thru ltrs. Bckgd. color, charcoal gray.

ACTION: Disap'd. Recom. a simple classical ltr. of uniform size & style on a single line. Omit ref. to health & beauty aids. Also ltrs. to be opaque faced. Recom. ltrs. be black against bckgd. matching fascia of bldg., 10/24/68.

Exhibit D

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS

OCT 1 8 1968

NO SL 69-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
11	1741 F St., NW Swift Liquors, Inc.	Repair exist. showwindow.
ACTION:	Ret'd. for add'l. inf. Request clear drawings of proposed work, i.e., section, plan, & elevation. Also recom. retention of exist. plate glass window, 9/26/68.	
12	2551 Mass. Ave., NW Washington Mosque, Inc.	Install floodlights to light front of bldg.
ACTION:	App'd., 10/2/68.	
13	322-2nd St., NE Hortense E. Becker	Replace exist. wood steps with new iron steps & rail.
ACTION:	App'd., 10/2/68.	
14	12th & Penna. Ave., NW Penna. Ave. Comm.	d-f sign to warn pedestrians of trip hazard along sidewalk, & to show the Pa. Ave. Pilot proj.
ACTION:	App'd., 9/25/68.	
15	1741 F St., NW Swift Liquors, Inc.	Repair exist. showwindows & replace entr. door - no change in size.
ACTION:	No obj., 10/8/68.	

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS

NOV 2 5 1968

NO OG 69-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
63	3051 Q St., NW Cuthbert R. Train	Build 7' max. reinforced concrete & br. ret. walls to serve for future terrace & tennis court.
ACTION:	No obj. Request sample of material, 11/5/68.	
64	3318 "O" St., NW Mr & Mrs David E. Finley	Remove 1-story addn. to exist. garage-storage area & replace with new overhead door.
ACTION:	Recom'd., 11/14/68.	
66	1692-31st St., NW John S. Thacher	Change position of new chimney & fire places from original app'd. plans on file.
ACTION:	Recom'd., provided that chimney is finished to match rest of bldg., 11/14/68.	
67	1405 Wisc. Ave., NW Peoples Drug Store	Install three 500-watt quartz fixtures to light up parking lot, in rear of store.
ACTION:	Recom'd., 11/14/68.	
68	1214-31st St., NW The American Hand	1 s-f, 6 sq-ft sign. Wood. Black ltrs. on pale mustard bckgd.
ACTION:	No obj., 11/14/68.	
69	1679-32nd St., NW Wm. R. P. Neel	Replace exist. front entr. steps & platform with conc. & br. steps & platform. Iron rail. to replace wood railing.
ACTION:	Recom'd. Suggest brick be painted to match rest of bldg., 11/14/68.	

NO OG 69-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
70	1212 Wisc. Ave., NW John Greenwood, O.D.	1 d-f 3.28 sq-ft sign. Illuminated by 1 fluorescent tube inside box. Suspended by metal bracket.

ACTION: Not recom'd. Size & scale of sign inappropriate. Suggest a much smaller installation preferably a bronze name plaque, adjacent to appropriate entr., 11/14/68.

71	3010 Cambridge Pl., NW John Holbrook	Install window in basem. & in 1st story on alley side of dwelling.

ACTION: No obj., 11/14/68.

72	1074 Thos. Jeff. St., NW M. Ochs	5'-10" high redwood fence. To be painted white. 4' pickett at front section.

ACTION: No obj. Suggest fence be treated with Cuperin Oil or stain in order to preserve finish & appearance. Also use alum. nails, 11/14/68.

73	3034 M St., NW Uncommon Market, Inc.	Close openings & relocate windows & doors. Remove paint from front of bldg. Exterior finishes to be similar to those shown on encl'd. photos of San Francisco job.

ACTION: Recom'd., provided detailed drawings showing new glass door & entr. are subm'd. for review. Question size & hgt. of lamps adjacent to side entr. Suggest smaller lights at a slightly greater hgt., 11/14/68.

74	1332-29th St., NW Mrs. Montoudouin	Resubm. to prev. app'd. plans incl. br. cheek walls instead of iron rails. next to entr. entr. skylight. Sugstitute door for window in so. end of kitchen. Sugstitute br. parapet wall for iron railing on 2nd fl., rear.

ACTION: No obj. to proposed chgs. with exception of br. cheek walls flanking front entr. Recom. use of iron rails as orig. app'd. These rails could actually be higher if add'l. security is desired on stoop. If chgs. are made to hgt. of railings, request subm. of drawings, 11/14/68.

75	1512 Wisc. Ave., NW Edward T. Wright, Jr.	Remove exist. d-h windows & install new swing doors & frame.

ACTION: No obj., 11/14/68.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS (Continued) NOV 2 5 1968

NO OG 69-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
76	1630 Avon Pl., NW Arthur C. Moore	Constr. of residence; material-brick.
ACTION: Not recommended. Character of proposed dwelling unsuitable in Georgetown area, NOV 2 5 1968		
77	3051 Q St., NW Cuthbert R. Train	Brick sample as requested in OG 69-63.
ACTION: No obj., 11/14/68.		
65	3255 N St., NW Mr & Mrs Herman Wouk	Internal remodeling of an exist. residence; general repair & cleaning.
ACTION: Recom'd., provided that exist. entr. details are maintained & that proposed ornamental swags on front elevation are omitted pending the determination of need for structural wall ties at these locations, 11/20/68.		

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS NOV 7 1968

NO OG 69-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
48	3800 Reservoir Rd., NW Georgetown University	Heating & Cooling Plant.
ACTION: Recom'd. See action on OG 68-170 re material samples, 10/17/68.		
49	3324-26 M St., NW K & F Printing Service	Remove exist. sign to new location. One s-f, 60 sq-ft sign.
ACTION: Not recom'd. Design, character of ltrs., advertising, & method of mounting unacceptable. Also show, with any resubm., new bldg. on which sign is to be placed, 10/14/68.		
50	1073 Wisc. Ave., NW John R. Wilbraham	1 s-f, 8 sq-ft non-illuminated sign. Black ltrs. on white bckgd. Approx. 8" high block ltrs. to be fixed flat against wall in vertical position.
ACTION: No obj., 10/23/68.		
51	3214-18 P St., NW Paraphernalia	3 s-f signs. 25 sq-ft total area. Illuminated. Black plastic ltrs. with unexposed back lighting.
ACTION: No obj.--character of ltring. acceptable based on replacement of prev. sign with same style ltrs. Method of mounting & type of illumination also represents a definite improvement, 10/10/68.		
52	1855 Wisc. Ave., NW Safeway Stores	1 s-f metal-ltr. sign, back-lighted with white neon tubing. 24.5 sq-ft. To replace exist. sign with exposed neon tubing.
ACTION: Recom'd., 10/14/68.		
53	1679-32nd St., NW Wm. R. P. Neel	Replace exist. wood front entr. porch & steps with brick porch & steps. Also install iron rail.
ACTION: Drawings inadequate. Request resubm. of clear presentation of proposed work, 10/23/68.		

NO OG 69-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
54	1805 Wisc. Ave., NW Riggs National Bank	1 s-f, 25 sq-ft sign. Also brick sample.

ACTION: Recom'd., provided that sign is reduced in size to 42"X60", that decorations on top & bottom of sign be omitted, & that advertisign material (House Wares, Radio) be omitted. Request resubm. of design, 10/23/68.

55	1226 Wisc. Ave., NW Don King (Commercial)	Alter front & side elevations.

ACTION: Recom'd. for new work on 1st fl. Also recom. that exist. sash on 2nd fl. conform in character to 1st fl. fenestration, 10/23/68.

56	1733-34th St., NW Gunther Hintze	Replace brick porch rails with black iron railings. Install 5 pair wood window shutters. Paint windows & shutters white.

ACTION: Not recom'd. Spacing & size of windows do not lend themselves to the addn. of shutters, 10/23/68.

57	3116 "O" St., NW Christ Episcopal Church	Extend br. wall fronting st. at new Chapel Garden over to Rectory Bldg., adding new gate to match gate to garden.

ACTION: Recom'd., 10/23/68.

58	1054-31st St., NW Canal Sq. Assoc.	Remodel warehouse - resubm.

ACTION: Recom'd., provided that sample of material, incl. bricks, mortar joints & window framing is erected on site, for inspection & subsequent action, 10/23/68.

59	1651 Wisc. Ave., NW Pappagallo	Install 8 blue canvas awnings with fixed iron frames above exist. windows.

ACTION: Not recom'd. Awnings unsuitable on openings & projections of this character, 10/23/68.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS (Continued)

NO OG 69-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
60	3233 K St., NW Georgetown Floor Covering	Install 1 green alum. awning over window & door. To replace exist. awning. With fixed iron frames.

ACTION: Not recom'd. Alum. awnings unacceptable in OG area, 10/23/68.

61	1733-34th St., NW G. Hintze	Build rear open porch.

ACTION: Ret'd. for add'l. inf. Request clear drawings of proposed work in relation to exist. conditions, 10/23/68.

62	1323-30th St., NW Mr & Mrs J. V. Mladek	Renovations to residence.

ACTION: No obj. as a prel. design. Request subm. of full working drawings & details for review, 10/23/68.

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NO OG 69-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
34	1226-36th St., NW 1789 Restaurant	Install ornamental scrools atop exist. brick planter to protect exist. plants.
ACTION:	Recom'd. Suggest thicker cross section of the ironwork, 9/25/68.	
Inf. 35	1680-31st St., NW Conrad C. Cafritz	Addn. to rear of exist. dwelling.
ACTION:	The design of rear addn. is generally acceptable due to limited visibility from public space. Final action will depend on continued maintenance of adequate landscaping elements & screening of view from 31st St., 10/1/68.	
36	1033-33rd St., NW Helen Caton Zust Trust	1 d-f 24 sq-ft flag on 7'xl$\frac{1}{2}$' wood pole.
ACTION:	Recom'd., 9/25/68.	
38	3418 Prospect St., NW Robert C. Wilson	Remove front door & iron stoop; install new doors & railing, build new steps to lower level.
ACTION:	Recom'd., provided that muntins are omitted from French doors. No resubm. requested, 9/25/68.	
39	3212 N St., NW Micheline C. Liverman	Rebuild front entr. concrete stairs to cellar; replace front entr metal stairs to lst fl., using exist. metal rails.
ACTION:	Recom'd., 9/25/68.	
40	3025 Cambridge Pl., NW Miss Ardelia R. Hall	Place small outside electric wall-light to left of front door.
ACTION:	Recom'd., 9/25/68.	

NO OG 69-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
41	1365 Wisc. Ave., NW Commercial	Alterations.
ACTION: Recom'd. with the exception of type of brickwork on 1st story, pending inspection of exist. brick, 9/25/68.		
42	3217 "O" St., NW Hyde School	Rev. of OG 68-234.
ACTION: No obj. to chgs. per attached ltr. dtd. 9/6/68 signed by Mr. Chas. F. D. Egbert, Architect, 9/19/68.		
43	1320-30th St., NW Jas. J. Manogue	6½' cedar screen fence to replace exist.
ACTION: Recom'd., 9/25/68.		
44	1692-31st St., NW John S. Thacher	Constr. new side entr. Cut in reused windows - install in new location.
ACTION: Recom'd., 9/25/68.		
45	1224-30th St., NW Mr & Mrs Gordon Gray	Install 7' high chain link gate between brick walls.
ACTION: Recom'd., provided that chain-link gate is surfaced with wooden palings on the alley side, 9/25/68.		
46	1054-31st St., NW Canal Square Associates	Install constr. fence & sign identifying premises & organizations participating in constr.
ACTION: Recom'd. as tempo. sign & barricade, 9/25/68.		

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS (Continued) OCT 1 8 1968

NO OG 69-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
47	3114 "O" St., NW Mr & Mrs Henry Foster	Replace destroyed wood front steps & stoop with new brick steps & stoop.
ACTION:	Recom'd., 10/7/68.	

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NO OG 69-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
78	3013 Cambridge Pl., NW Stephen B. Newman	Replace front door - new door to be of wood painted to match trim.
ACTION: Not recom'd. Design of exist. door preferable, 12/11/68.		
79	1733-34th St., NW G. Hintze	Proposed side porch.
ACTION: No obj., 12/11/68.		
80	3600 M St., NW D. C. Transit System, Inc.	Install tempo. Christmas greet. sign from 12/2/68 to 1/2/69. Same sign as installed in prev. yrs.
ACTION: No obj. to 30-day installation, 12/2/68.		
81	1332-29th St., NW Mrs. de Montaudouin	Setting of exist. garden gate from old bldg.
ACTION: Request add'l. inf. incl. photo. of exist. garden gate & detail of brick arch over proposed opening, 12/11/68.		
82	1516-29th St., NW Charlotte D. Phinney	Apply alum. siding over wood on side of bldg. Right side only.
ACTION: No obj., provided alum. siding is carefully adjusted to conform to wooden quoins at corner of bldg., 12/11/68.		
83	1643 Wisc. Ave., NW S. M. Levy (Commercial)	Remove partial amount of brick from front bay & install more window space. Brick pavement between front of bldg. & bl. line.
ACTION: Recom'd., provided that new showwindow be painted white, 12/11/68.		

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS (Continued)

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NO OG 69-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
86	1430-33rd St., NW Jacob L. Devers	Driveway & 3'-6" brick ret. wall.
ACTION:	Recom'd., provided that new brickwork match exist., 12/11/68.	
87	1069 Wisc. Ave., NW Stone Heat & Vent. Co.	Relocate sign at 3245 Q St., NW to above address. 1 s-f sign, 58" X 15". Dull gold painted ltrs. on dull black bckgd.
ACTION:	No obj. to exist. sign, 12/11/68.	

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS 1/15/69

NO OG 69-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
89	1312-30th St., NW Chas. Coyer	Constr. walled off-street parking space per elevation.

ACTION: Recom'd., provided that joint at 45 degree angle be sawn brick joint rather than tooth joint, 12/18/68

90	3067 Canal St., NW Doxiadis Assoc's., Inc.	Remodel exist. interior & add new wing of approx. 500 sq-ft per fl. on 1st & 2nd fls. at rear of exist. bldg. Raze exist. heater room at side of exist. bldg.

ACTION: No obj., 1/7/69.

91	3800 Reserv. Rd., NW Georgetown U. Heating & Cool. Plant	Raise hgt. of bldg. to basem. fl. elev. 106.83, an increase in effective ght. of bldg. of 8', since adjacent grade cannot be raised without seriously disturbing use of athletic areas.

ACTION: Recom'd., provided screen planting be added along the so. rim of park. lot. Also request erection of sample brick & mortar panel on site before final material approval, 12/31/68.

92	1332-29th St., NW Mrs. M. de Montaudouin	Photo of exist. gate as requested in OG 69-81.

ACTION: No obj. if gateway is installed in brick wall in same manner as prev. exist., 1/7/69.

93	2529-2529A P St., NW S. Tebbs Chichester, Jr.	Add 3rd fl. Renovate structure into apts. Upgrade facade design--add balconies.

ACTION: Request accurate section through front facade of bldg. showing relations to adjoining structures & property line, 1/7/69.

94	2505 P St., NW Melvin Estein	Constr. 2 semi-detached dwellings.

ACTION: Not recom'd. Design inappropriate, 1/15/69.

APPENDIX 2

NO OG 69-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
95	1733-34th St., NW Dr. Guenther Hintze	Add white window shutters in style typical for Georgetown.
ACTION: Not recom'd. Narrowness of space between windows does not permit shutters of a suitable design, 1/7/69		
96	1054-31st St., NW Canal Sq. Associates	Brick sample for use in new constr. & warehouse addns. in Canal Sq.
ACTION: Color & texture of brick generally acceptable. Request erection of sample panel on site for comparison of new & old walls, 1/7/69.		
97	1644-31st St., NW Armistead Peter, III	Replace gates on 32nd St. Chain link.
ACTION: No obj. Recom. fence be painted dark green or gray, 1/7/69.		
99	1365 Wisc. Ave., NW J.W. & R.E. Molyneaux	Resubm. of prev. app'd. elevations. Exist. conditions required chg. in brick design & lowering heads of showwindows & main entr.
ACTION: Recom'd., as revised, 1/10/69.		
Inf. 84	1636 Avon Pl., NW Arthur C. Moore	Constr. single family dwelling.
ACTION: Not recom'd. Recom. design of more residential character, 1/15/69.		
85	2505 P St., NW Melvyn J. Estrin	Raze frame dwell. in entirety. Not condemned by D. C. Gov't.
ACTION: Not recom'd., pending further study of arch'l. & historical character of bldg., 1/15/69.		

NO OG 69-	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
88	1680-31st St., NW Conrad Cafritz	Addn. to exist. dwelling.

ACTION: Recom'd., provided that dense screen planting be maintained along 31st St. in order to block view of addn. from public space, 1/15/69.

3 February 1969

Dear Mr. Robinson:

This is merely to confirm the Commission of Fine Arts disapproval on January 15 of the proposed research extension to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Washington, D.C.

The design was entirely too complex both in terms of form and architectural treatment. A building of this sort ought to be as simple as possible and its materials and other elements of design should blend in with the existing building in a harmonious way. We urge that before any further studies be made by the staff of the Veterans Administration, an architect be commissioned to study the entire design as well as to prepare final drawings and to supervise construction.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

Mr. J. B. Robinson
Project Director
Veterans Administration
Washington, D.C. 20420

Exhibit E'
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4 February 1969

Dear Miss Adams:

This is merely to confirm the Commission of Fine Arts disapproval of the design of the medal commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the City of Memphis, which was considered at our meeting on January 15th.

As in the case of most of the medals submitted in this category, the Commission thought the design was of generally poor quality, lacked dignity and reflected poorly on both the Federal Government and the subject the medal was intended to honor.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

Honorable Eva Adams
Director
Bureau of the Mint
Treasury Department
Washington, D.C.

Exhibit F

4 February 1969

Dear Colonel Dundas:

This is merely to confirm the Commission of Fine Arts approval of the Medal of Achievement for the U.S. Coast Guard which was considered at our meeting on January 15, 1969.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

Colonel G. W. Dundas
Commanding Officer
The Institute of Heraldry, U.S.Army
Cameron Station
5010 Duke Street
Alexandria, Va. 22314

3 February 1969

Dear General Adams:

This is merely to confirm the Commission of Fine Arts approval of the proposed memorial for the Fourth Infantry Division Association to be located at Utah Beach on the Normandy Coast of France.

In doing so, however, we were somewhat disappointed to learn of the erection of additional small monuments. As you know when the Commission approved the large monument that is to be erected as the official monument of the U.S. Government, we urged that to enhance the dignity of the design that the several existing memorials be eliminated. We understand from the architect, Mr. Thiry, that this is the eventual hope and that this new memorial will be located some 250 feet from the location of the major monument, where it will probably not be very distracting. However, it is with this understanding that the Commission approved the design.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

Major General A. J. Adams
Secretary
The American Battle Monuments Commission
Washington, D.C. 20310

Exhibit H

5 February 1969

Dear Mr. Knott:

This is merely to confirm approval by the Commission of Fine Arts, at its 13 January meeting of the South Portal of the Building on Independence Avenue, S.W., designed by Mr. Brown.

We requested that either samples of material be submitted to the office for inspection, or better yet that a mock-up of typical wall panel and other features be erected on the site for inspection.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

Mr. Lawson B. Knott, Jr.
Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington, D.C.

Exhibit I

3 February 1969

Dear Mr. Knott:

This is merely to confirm the approval by the Commission of Fine Arts at its meeting on 15 January of the design for the Geological Survey Building at Reston, Virginia, designed by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill of Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

Mr. Lawson B. Knott, Jr.
Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington, D.C.

Exhibit A

3 February 1969

Dear Mr. Sherman:

I am enclosing a copy of the transcripts of our meeting on 15 January at which we discussed the Office Building at Maryland Avenue and 6th Street S.W., the L'Enfant Plaza West Building design, Hogates Restaurant on Pier Four and the three Town Center Parks, Eye Street between 3rd and 6th.

Briefly the actions of the Commission can be summarized as follows:

. Parcels 19 and 20, Maryland Avenue. Design of elevations disapproved. The Commission urges further study in developing suitable character.

. L'Enfant Plaza West Building. The Commission approved modifications proposed by the architect including division of bays into five equal parts, elimination of double row of trees adjacent to east side of building, flanking main entrance, the inclusion of windows on the second promenade level but not the proposed treatment at this level on the west elevation. Request this be revised to be uniform with rest of treatment on elevation.

. Hogates Restaurant. Request further information on projected construction on additional parcels fronting on Southwest Waterfront in order to better judge this particular design.

. Town Center Parks. Designs for parks at 3rd and 6th Streets approved as submitted but design for Center Park at 4th Street disapproved. Request that design be restudied to recognize axis of 4th Street and to function as simple forecourt to major structures of Town Center to the south.

Please give us a call if you have any questions about these actions.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

Mr. Stanley Sherman
D.C. Redevelopment Land Agency
1420 New York, Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Exhibit K

10 February 1969

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

At its meeting on January 15th, 1969 the Commission of Fine Arts continued to review the proposed Master Plan Development for the municipal facilities planned in the Judiciary Square area and for the new buildings to house the Court of General Sessions and other related agencies.

This letter is merely to confirm the actions of the Commission.

. The Commission approves in principle the location for the new Court of General Sessions in the block between John Marshall Plaza and 6th Street and north of Pennsylvania Avenue.

. The Commission also approved the general scheme showing location of buildings adjoining the eastern and western sides of Judiciary Square for the purpose of housing administrative facilities for the District Government -- these buildings to conform in general massing to the Federal Home Loan Bank Building which was recently approved at a location on 4th Street between E and F Streets, N.W.

Both these actions were merely confirmation of the views of the Commission taken at its meeting on September 17, 1968. The principal features of the submission on January 15th which were specifically disapproved were:

. The siting, orientation and massing of the court buildings adjoining Pennsylvania Avenue. The proposed plans showed a sharp departure from the designs proposed in the Pennsylvania Avenue Commission Plan and approved by the Commission of Fine Arts. In our view this portion of Pennsylvania Avenue is central to the execution of the entire Pennsylvania Avenue Plan and must be adhered to. This calls for essentially a simple structure adjoining Pennsylvania Avenue the entire length of the block keeping to the same setback lines and cornice lines established in the Pennsylvania Avenue Plan.

. The elimination of the two buildings adjoining both sides of the old courthouse just south of E Street until a fairly convincing

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argument can be made for the tunneling and subsequent widening of E Street which might necessitate their removal.

. The distinct alteration in character of what is essentially a green park and landscaped area to that of an extensively paved plaza over much of the Judiciary Square area.

These views were also expressed at our meeting on September 17th. The Commission would like to emphasize the need of developing plans and designs of the highest order for this historic and important part of the city of Washington. Because of the complexity of circulation and the relation between all these elements of the plan we would certainly urge that it be studied with great care.

Sincerely yours,

William Walton
Chairman

Honorable Thomas W. Fletcher
Deputy Commissioner of the
District of Columbia
District Building
Washington, D.C. 20004

4 February 1969

Dear Mr. Robin:

We have received revised designs for the 200 man barracks, Ft. Myer, Virginia and they appear to conform to the recommendations made at the meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts on January 15th.

In talking informally with the architect, Mr. Wilkes, there was some discussion about the brick color being darker than the larger dormitories across Sheridan Avenue. While the Commission has no opinion about the advisability of this, we do request that a sample panel of the brick be erected for inspection prior to proceeding with the building.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

Mr. C. J. Robin
Norfolk District Corps of Engineers
Fort Norfolk
803 Front Street
Norfolk, Virginia 23510

Exhibit M

4 February 1969

Dear Mr. DeWitt:

This is merely to confirm the Commission of Fine Arts disapproval of the Incinerator at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Maryland.

The Commission felt that there were many unnecessary architectural features that merely added to the complexity and detracted from the appearance of the building. This is, after all, primarily a piece of machinery and the program should call for a simple and dignified enclosure. We request submission of revised designs when they have been prepared.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

Mr. William B. DeWitt
Acting Director
Division of Research Services
National Institutes of Health
Bethesda, Md. 20014

Exhibit N

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
15 January 1969

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   a. Parcels 19 and 20, Office Building

   b. L'Enfant Plaza, West Building

   c. Pier Four, Southwest Urban Renewal Area

   d. Town Center Parks, Eye Street between 3rd and 6th Streets

4. D.C. Government, Department of Buildings and Grounds

   Judiciary Square Master Plan

5. D.C. Government, Department of Licenses and Inspections

   a. Watergate Office and Apartment Building

   b. Five-Story Office Building, 1400 22nd Street, N.W.

6. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

   Fort Myer, 200 Man Barracks

7. Veterans Administration

   Research Building, Veterans Administration Hospital

8. National Institutes of Health

   Incinerator, Walter Reed Army Hospital